

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

TONE 4

By thy Nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

Prokeimenon

TONE 2: The Lord is my strength and my song, He is become my salvation.

Vs. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.

Another TONE 4 (Song of the Fathers): Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:1 – 10

Epistle

Brethren: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character, and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Alleluia

May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

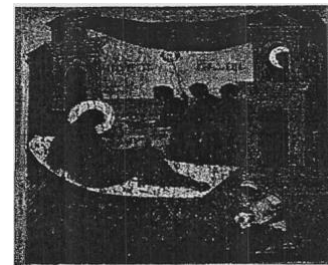
v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee!

Another: *The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

Matthew 6:22-33

Gospel

Jesus said to His disciples: "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."



Schedule

Saturday, July 20, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 21, 2024

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

8:30 A.M. Perogies

Saturday, July 27, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 28, 2024

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 3, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 4, 2024

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 5, 2024

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy followed
by blessing of fruit

Saturday, August 10, 2024

11:00 A.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 11, 2024

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

TBD Vespers at Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church, Town & Country

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Feast of the Dormition of the Most

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, July 14, 2024

3rd Sunday After Pentecost;

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Want of spiritual education, of the development, of the softening, and amendment of the heart is a thousand times more culpable than want of mental education; for a mentally uneducated man is in darkness and is deserving of indulgence and pity, whilst an educated man, given up to the passions and vices, to malice, pride, scorn, envy, gluttony, surfeiting, drunkenness, covetousness, fornication, and other passions, with all his knowledge, and also with the knowledge of the will of God; for he does not apply the principles he has learned to practice; he does not fulfill the will of God, but transgresses it with even greater fearlessness and insolence than the uneducated. The uneducated man's simplicity of heart, meekness, gentleness, humility, silence, and patience are dearer to God than all our knowledge, all of our external polish, than all our studied expressions, all our feigned courtesy, than all our lengthy prayers, than all our artful speeches. Even sins themselves, being sins of ignorance, are more excusable in uneducated. Therefore respect simple want of education and learn from it that which is not possessed by the so-styled educated - that is, simplicity, gentleness, patience, and other virtues. The uneducated are the babes in Christ, to whom the Lord sometimes reveals His mysteries. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of this world (St. John 17:16)." "

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Phil	Inez	April
Steve	David	Joseph
Hilda	Barbara	Michael
Ruth	David	Barb
Claudia	Adina	Barbara
Constance	Ioan	Mark
David	Sandra	Angela
Sarah	Eva	Elijah
Hope	Catechumen Mary	Sophia
Brandyn	Alexandra	Matushka Tanya
Theresa	Mary Magdalene	Mary
Subdeacon Andrew	Diana	Archpriest John
Lori Ann	Barbara	Matushka Margaret
Joseph	Julia	Matthew
Demetrios	Elaine	Priest Josef
Marina	Victor	Archpriest Michael
Peter	Wilma	Reader Peter
Paul	Michael	Patricia
		Matushka Virginia

"These are the words of Jesus Christ concerning the Apostles. This is great praise to them. In what does it consist? In the fact that the Apostles, living in the world, were strangers to it, strangers to its attachments, did not seek in it either glory or riches, or happiness or tranquility, but were like beings of another world, the heavenly one. They meditated upon and cared for heavenly things and sought after incorruptible heavenly glory, incorruptible riches, heavenly joys and heavenly rest in God, and union with Him; whilst we sinners are of this world, because we seek the glory of this world, material riches, health, length of life, the enjoyment of the blessings of this world, earthly tranquility, earthly joys. But all our misfortunes, passions, temptations, and failure in the Christian life proceed from attachment to the world and its goods. Why is it necessary to pray at home and go to church to attend Divine service? And why is it necessary for you to eat and drink, and walk in the fresh air every day, or to work every day? In order to support the life of the body, and strengthen it. It is also absolutely necessary to pray in order to support and stimulate the life of the soul, to strengthen the soul, which is sick with sins, to cleanse it, just as you employ certain kinds of food and drink to cleanse the body from injurious humors, or impurities. If, therefore, you do not pray, then you behave most unwisely, and unadvisedly, supporting, gratifying, and strengthening your body in every way, but leaving your soul in neglect. Every man is dual, for he consists of soul and body." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

Fathers

TONE 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 2

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my Savior praises Thee forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Fathers

TONE 8

The apostles' preaching and the fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, it defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy.

Those in the life to come

Tom	Archbishop PAUL	Magdalene
Jessica	Archimandrite Innocent	John
<u>Otis</u>	Olga	
Matushka Olga	Francis	
Archpriest Thomas	Jean	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Edward	
Archpriest Vladimir	Nancy	